

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY - REGION IV, ATLANTA, GEORGIA
SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMS
Fiscal Year 1998 (October 1997 - September 1998)

Grant Program	Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants	Environmental Justice through Pollution Prevention (EJP2)	Community/University Partnership (CUP)	Solid Waste Management Assistance (SWMA)	Pollution Prevention Incentives for States (PPIS)
Purpose	To provide financial assistance to eligible community groups and federally-recognized tribal governments that are working on or plan to carry out projects to address environmental justice issues.	To provide financial assistance to environmental and environmental justice organizations so that they can provide assistance to community groups and tribal organizations for projects that address environmental justice concerns and use pollution prevention as the proposed solution.	To help community groups efficiently address local environmental justice issues through active partnerships with institutions of higher education.	To promote use of integrated solid waste management systems to solve municipal solid waste generations and management problems at the local, regional and national levels.	To support state, tribal, and regional programs that address the reduction or elimination of pollution across all environmental media: air, land, and water.
Eligible Applicants	Any affected community group, nonprofit organization, university, or tribal government. Organizations must be incorporated to receive funds.	Any incorporated organization that is not intended to be a profit-making organization, as well as any federally-recognized tribal organization, state, city, county or local government organization. Private businesses and individuals are not eligible.	Institutions of higher education which have formal partnerships with one or more community group(s).	Nonprofit entities, government agencies and Indian tribes.	State agencies, state instrumentalities such as universities, federally-recognized tribes, territories and possessions. States are encouraged to form partnerships with non-profit organizations and/or local governments.
Award Amounts Fiscal Year 1998	Up to \$20,000 each	Up to \$250,000 each; total available nationally \$5 million	No current FY98 funds authorized by Congress yet	\$50,000 per grant	\$60,000 - \$111,000 per State; \$580,000 regionally
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year 1997	\$300,000 regionally	\$395,000 regionally	\$2 million nationally	\$1,100,000 regionally	\$72,500 per State; \$580,000 regionally
Matching Share Required	No matching share required.	Matching funds equal to 5% of the total project cost, either monetary or in-kind contributions.	5% non-federal government matching share required.	5% non-federal government matching share required.	50% non-federal government share of project total required.
Solicitation Dates	December 1997 - February 1998		Based on funding date	Preproposal due January 5 1998	October 1997 - January 1998
Application Due	March 1998	March 1998	Based on funding date	May 1998	February 1998
Grant Selection	August 1998	September 1998	Based on funding date	April 1998	May 1998
Priorities	Projects that improve the environmental quality of the community by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • having wide application or addressing a high priority issue, • enhancing skills in addressing environmental justice issues and problems, • establishing or expanding information systems for communities, • facilitating communication, information exchange, and community partnerships, and/or • motivating the public to be more conscious of environmental justice issues, leading action to address those issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects by community-based organizations and local governments that improve the environmental quality of affected communities using pollution prevention as a primary solution • Proposals that encourage innovative approaches in using pollution prevention to address environmental justice issues, and whose activities and products can be applied to other communities • Cooperative efforts with business/industry to address pollution prevention goals 	Emphasis on meaningful, fully interactive two-way cooperation between communities or tribes and institutions of higher education to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • address environmental justice issues, • identify pollution sources, • train residents on their rights and responsibilities, and • help resolve environmental problems. Through these partnerships, communities will be encouraged to become involved in accessing information from environmental databases, cleaning up and restoring communities that have environmental problems, and surveying and monitoring environmental quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost effective and innovative recycling programs • Outreach and training in source reduction and recycling • Recycling market development • Effective integrated waste management programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish multimedia pollution prevention programs, prevention goals, strategies and a pollution prevention ethic within governmental and non-governmental institutions of the state • Providing technical assistance to businesses and other outreach activities; measuring the progress of prevention activities, and identifying and addressing regulatory and non-regulatory barriers and incentives to pollution prevention • Projects that test and support innovative pollution prevention approaches • Coordinated pollution prevention planning implementation efforts state-wide
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Grant Program	Superfund Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs)	Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots	Sustainable Development Challenge (SDC)	Environmental Education (EE)
Purpose	To enable a group of individuals who are affected by a Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) site to obtain technical assistance in interpreting information regarding the site.	To empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely cleanup, and sustainably reuse brownfields.	To provide communities funding for establishing partnerships to encourage environmentally and economically sustainable business practices.	To provide financial support for projects which design, demonstrate or disseminate environmental education practices, methods or techniques.
Eligible Applicants	Groups affected by an NPL site. All groups must be incorporated as nonprofit organizations.	States, cities, towns, counties, U.S. Territories, and Indian tribes are eligible to apply.	Local governments, tribes, Territories, educational institutions, and incorporated nonprofit organizations.	Local, tribal, or state education agencies, colleges & universities, nonprofit organizations, state environmental agencies, and non-commercial educational broadcasting agencies.
Award Amount Fiscal Year 1998	Up to \$50,000 each initially; for complex sites, additional funds may be available. \$350,000 available regionally	Up to \$200,000 each; total available nationally \$5 million	Individual amounts not determined; total available nationally \$5 million	Up to \$25,000 each; total available regionally \$180,000 - \$200,000
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year 1997	\$75,000 regionally	\$1,900,000 regionally	\$5 million nationally for calendar year 97	\$190,000 regionally
Matching Share	20% non-federal government matching share required; in-kind contributions may be used to meet this match.	No matching share required.	20% non-federal government matching share required.	25% non-federal government matching share required.
Solicitation Dates	Anytime after a site is proposed for NPL listing	October 9, 1997 - March 23, 1998	estimated April 1998 - August 1998	up to November 15, 1997
Application Due	Anytime after a site is proposed for NPL listing	December 15, 1997 and March 23, 1998	estimated August 1998	November 15, 1997
Grant Selection	After community notification period (30 to 60 days), review, processing and approval.	February 1998 and May 1998	estimated January 1999	Spring 1998
Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because only one grant is available for each NPL site, EPA encourages groups to consolidate in order to provide technical assistance to the most widely representative group of individuals possible. To this end, EPA notifies the community via a public notice in the local newspaper if an application is received from an eligible group. To ensure citizen involvement in Superfund cleanup decisions To acquire a technical advisor with appropriate technical skills and credentials to communicate site-related information effectively to the community Cannot be used to develop new information/data or support legal actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstration pilots that test assessment, identification, characterization and cleanup planning at sites that are threatened with contamination by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - directing special efforts toward removing regulatory barriers without sacrificing protectiveness, and - facilitating coordinated public and private efforts of cleanup and redevelopment at the federal, state and local levels. To bring together community groups, investors, lenders, developers, and other affected parties to address the issue of cleaning up contaminated sites and placing them back into productive use Cannot be used at NPL sites or to fund actual cleanup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote cooperation and collaboration among citizens, businesses, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, government and others to develop locally-appropriate tools and processes for sustainable environment protection and economic development Encourage community investment in and commitment to environmental protection and an increasing understanding of the dependence of long-term economic health on the environment Build local and regional capacity for conducting and implementing sustainable planning Identify and design effective models and tools for supporting these priorities that can be widely shared by communities nationwide Foster long-term investments in innovative sustainability efforts at the community level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must demonstrate how the proposed project is new or significantly improved, has the potential for wide application and addresses a high priority environmental issue. Projects MUST focus on ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improving environmental education teaching skills; - educating teachers, students or public about human health problems; - building state, local or tribal government capacity to develop environmental education programs; - promoting environmental careers among students; - educating community through community-based organization; or - educating general public through print, film, broadcast or other media..
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